

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BANGKO 16366 270121Z

ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-07

L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 OMB-01 IO-13 /082 W

-----088909 270308Z /63

R 261044Z JUL 77

FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4539

INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

USLO PEKING

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

CINCPAC

DIA WASHDC

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BANGKOK 16366

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: PBOR, CB, TH

SUBJ: THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER CLASHES

REF: (A) BANGKOK 16109 (NOTAL); (B) BANGKOK 16224 (NOTAL)

1. FOREIGN MINISTER UPPADIT TOLD PRESS JULY 25 RTG IS SENDING NOTE TO ITS EMBASSIES IN PEKING AND VIENTIANE FOR TRANSMITTAL TO LOCAL CAMBODIAN EMBASSIES PROTESTING JULY 21 BORDER INTRUSION BY KHMER TROOPS AT ARANYAPRATHET (REF A). MFA HAS ALSO ATTEMPTED TO COMMUNICATE WITH CAMBODIANS THROUGH LIAISON OFFICE AT POIPET, BUT, GIVEN LACK OF SUCCESS IN PAST ATTEMPTS TO DEAL THROUGH THAT OFFICE, MFA HAS DECIDED TO TRY EMBASSY ROUTE AS WELL.

2. SOURCE CLOSE TO SUPREME COMMAND TOLD EMBOFF THAT THAI CONTINUE TO STRAFE SUSPECTED CAMBODIAN POSITIONS NEAR CLASH SITE, INSIDE WHAT THAI CONSIDER TO BE THEIR TERRITORY. CAMBODIANS ARE REPORTEDLY IN SLIT TRENCHES, AND SOURCE WAS DOUBTFUL THAT
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BANGKO 16366 270121Z

STRAFING WAS DOING THEM MUCH HARM.

3. THAI OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THEY BELIEVE ATTACKS AT ARANYAPRATHET AND AT SURIN (REF B) TO BE UNCONNECTED. SURIN ATTACK APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY FORAGING FOR SUPPLIES RATHER THAN THE RESULT OF DIRECTIONS FROM PHNOM PENH. THAI ARE UNCERTAIN JUST WHY CAMBODIANS INSTIGATED ARANYAPRATHET CLASH,

BUT ARE MORE SUSPICIOUS OF ITS HAVING BEEN DIRECTED BY HIGH CAMBODIAN OFFICIALS BECAUSE OF GENERAL BUILD-UP ON CAMBODIAN SIDE OF THE BORDER. ALTHOUGH THAI HAVE SHOWN HIGH-LEVEL CONCERN OVER INCIDENTS -- PRINCESSES SIRINDON AND CHULABON TRAVELLED TO ARANYAPRATHET TO PAY RELIGIOUS RESPECT TO THOSE KILLED IN JULY 21 CLASH, AND PRIME MINISTER, ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL CABINET MINISTERS, VISITED WOULDDED AT ARANYAPRATHET HOSPITAL -- RTG RE-ACTION HAS BEEN DELIBERATELY RESTRAINED. PRESS HAS CONTINUED FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE OF SITUATION, WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS "TENSE" BUT PEACEFUL.

4. MEANWHILE, INTERIOR MINISTER SAMAK SUNTHORAWET HAS TOLD PRESS HE PROPOSES TO BUILD FENCE COMPLETE WITH ALARM SYSTEM ALONG 48 KILOMETER THAI BORDER WITH CAMBODIA IN PRACHINBURI PROVINCE. SAMAK SAID HE WOULD MAKE SUGGESTION TO NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AT ITS NEXT MEETING.
BURKE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TROOP DEPLOYMENT, BORDER INCIDENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 26-Jul-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977BANGKO16366
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770267-0236
Format: TEL
From: BANGKOK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770720/aaaaaram.tel
Line Count: 79
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 97020e64-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 BANGKOK 16109, 77 BANGKOK 16224
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05-Jan-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1753810
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER CLASHES
TAGS: PBOR, CB, TH
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/97020e64-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009